

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY DECEMBER 2020**

### **Arts & Culture Commission**

No meeting

### **Board of Finance**

The Board of Finance met on December 21 via Zoom. The Regular Meeting calendar for 2021 was unanimously approved. It was discussed and decided that start times for 2022 FY Budget meetings will be moved to 6:30 in order to better accommodate board member's schedules.

### **Brownfields Redevelopment Agency**

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on December 28 via Zoom. The members welcomed a new member to the agency. There were brief discussions on 1 Watrous and 13 Watrous. There was discussion regarding additional information and documents to add to the presentation for the Town Council. The presentation will be ready and should be on the Town Council's agenda for their January 26 meeting.

### **Clean Energy Task Force**

The Clean Energy Task Force met on December 1 via Zoom. John Greeno, a former Clean Energy Task Force Chairman, joined the meeting to discuss what the other task forces in the state are doing for clean energy programs during the winter months. In Branford there is a heat smart program helping to heat people's homes during the winter months. He also suggested the town join the Sustainable CT group to help bring more clean energy and sustainable energy programs to the town. It was decided that there will be a presentation from Sustainable CT during the January meeting. The members approved the 2021 meeting dates and nominated a new Chairperson and kept the existing Vice Chair.

### **Commission on Aging**

The Commission on Aging met on December 10 via Zoom. JoAnn Ewing provided an overview of online activities being arranged by the Senior Center. The members will invite the Housing Authority Director to the January meeting to review any possible coordination between the Commission on Aging and the Housing Authority. The Clean Energy Task Force has expressed an interest in meeting with the Commission regarding ways to help senior save money on energy needs.

### **Conservation-Lake Commission**

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on December 10 via Zoom. The members reviewed a plan for a pool on a residential property. It was approved as submitted since all precautions are being taken during the project. The members discussed the budget, the watershed projects/ federal funding, the advisory panel, the lake smart program, and the lake level. The members discussed the RFQ for Lake Limnologist. A list of bidding companies was sent to the members to review and discuss at the next meeting. The list will be narrowed down to a group of three. There won't be any sort of monetary proposals sent in at this time, the members are only looking at the qualifications of the bidders.

### **Design Review Board**

The Design Review Board met on December 17 via Zoom. They reviewed a plan for a new sign at 42 West High Street. The sign was approved noting the owner should check on the ADA compliance of the lettering. They also reviewed an addition at 29 Middle Haddam Road. The plan was approved as submitted.

### **Economic Development Commission**

The Economic Development Commission met on December 15 via Zoom. The members discussed the closeout of the East Hampton Eats Campaign, possible projects and grants the commission could apply for, the business package promotion & tourism, reviewed the New Business Update/New Businesses with Planning & Zoning Approval/Review of P&Z Minutes, New Business Banner Locations, Belltown Spotlight on Business, and was presented with a possible project/event for the Air Line Trail bridge under Town Beautification. The project would be purchasing bells from participating business in the area of the bridge and attaching the bells to the bridge. The bells could have sayings or words written on them with paint pens to have them be custom to the person or family. This will help to have the bridge become a tourist spot in town. There will be more details and a presentation from Cici Bevin about the bells at the January meeting.

### **Ethics Commission**

No meeting

### **Fire Commission**

The Fire Commission met on December 14 via Zoom. There were no bills to approve. The Fire Marshal and Fire Chief announced their reports. The members discussed the dry hydrants, the AC upgrade, the software migration, and the upcoming budget.

### **Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency**

Continued Applications:

- A. IW-20-033: Joseph Ploszay, 39 Blue Heron, to construct a 676 sq. ft. IG pool within the Upland Review Area. Map 24/Block 64/Lot 20-16 - Approved

New Applications:

- A. IW-20-034: John Uliano, 29 Pocotopaug Dr., To construct a pool and 2 retaining walls within the Upland Review Area. Map 25/Block 64/Lot 20A-1. Continued
- B. IW-20-035: Edgewater Hill Enterprises, LLC., East High St., to construct Salt Pond Apartments (40 units); a phase of the Edgewater Hills Master Plan. Map 10A/Block 85/Lot 5C. Continued
- C. IW-20-036: Connecticut Contractors Group, LLC., Daniel Street, Subdivision. Map 13/Block 51/Lot 1. Public hearing set
- D. IW-20-039: Donald Ballsieper, Navajo Trail, New home construction with the Upland Review Area. Map 09A/Block 74/Lot 167. Continued
- E. IW-20-040: Cary L. Gagnon, 5 Boulder Road, to install bike trails and wooden bridges in Wetlands and Upland Review Area. Map 03A/Block 44/Lot 23F. Continued

### **Joint Facilities**

No meeting

### **Library Advisory Board**

The Library Advisory Board met on December 7 via Zoom. The members discussed the draft 2021/2022 operating budget. They also discussed a revision to the Circulation Policy.

### **Middle Haddam Historic District Commission**

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on December 17 via Zoom. The members reviewed a certificate of appropriateness to demo a one-story house and a multiple bay garage on the Cobalt Lodge property under public hearing. The members briefly discussed this application before approving the certificate as submitted. Under new business the members were informed of new residents on Knowles Road wishing to put in a circular driveway in place of their existing driveway. They were left with an application to fill out to come in front of the commission.

### **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on December 1. A presentation was given by GreenPlay on the master plan. Members approved the 2021 meeting dates. Members received updates from the Air Line Trail subcommittee, updates on winter programming and the RFP for the baseball, tennis and track at the High School.

### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on December 2 via Zoom.

#### **Public Hearing**

- A. Application PZC-20-023: JCG Properties, LLC., 9 Middle Haddam Rd., for a Zone Change from R2 to Commercial for approximately 5 acres to operate a veterinary clinic. Map 01C/Block 9/Lot 5. Continued

#### **New Business**

- A. Application PZC-20-024: Paula Free, 249 West High St., for a special permit per Sec. 8.4 Motor Fuel Filling Station for a proposed convenience store. Map 06/Block 12/Lot 1B. Continued
- B. Application PZC-20-025: Z Incorporated / Cobalt Health Care, 29 Middle Haddam Rd., for a Special Permit to demo an existing commercial building and rebuild. Map 01C/Block 9/Lot 7. Continued

### **Town Facility Building Committee**

No meeting

### **Water Pollution Control Authority**

The Water Pollution Control Authority Board held a virtual Public Hearing meeting on December 1. The WPCA received the (DOT) 2021 paving schedule which will affect 50 manholes and 20 water valve boxes within RT 151, Skinner Street, Main Street and Summit Street. WPCA is waiting on clarification from DOT regarding any reimbursement of repairs for the subcontractors after paving is completed. The Barbara Avenue and Pine Trail pump station generators are complete and up and running. The board continued discussion on the Sewer Connection fees as well as commercial meter accounts.

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

No meeting